

REMARKS

Claims 44-54 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendments. For instance, Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly contain the “invention” encompassed by previously pending claim 39. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that the presently pending claims all relate to the elected invention encompassed by elected claim 39, now cancelled. In particular, the claims now clearly relate to methods for “detecting a biologically active substance.” This detection is accomplished via the detection of intracellular translocation of, for instance, a subunit of a component of an intracellular pathway affecting intracellular processes, wherein the subunit exhibits a biological activity of the component. Steps (a) and (b), although not being present “word for word” in original claim 39 were in fact inherent. Also, step (c) of each claim includes language specific to the elected invention. These steps require a correlation between translocation, for instance, translocation of the subunit, and an indication that the substance to be screened is biologically active.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims relate to the elected invention. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to consider these claims in view of the remarks and arguments already submitted on May 17, 2005, which are herein incorporated by reference.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie (Registration No. 42,874) at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

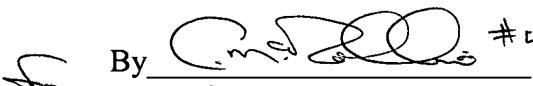
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